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On the State of the Public Health and Sanitary Conditions in the

WARMINSTER AND WESTBURY RURAL DISTRICT


1972

WARMINSTER AND WESTBURY RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL

Together with the Report of The Surveyor  
and Chief Public Health Inspector



Medical Officer of Health  
of Warminster and Westbury  
Rural District Council.



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Health Department,  
Portway House,  
WARMINSTER,  
Wiltshire.

To the Chairman and Members of  
Warminster and Westbury Rural  
District Council.

Sir,

I have the honour to present the Annual Report relating to the state of public health and sanitary conditions in the Rural District of Warminster and Westbury for the year 1972. Included is the report of your Chief Public Health Inspector.

I anticipate this will be the last report of this nature you will receive from your Medical Officer of Health, most of the figures on which the report is based are not available until after 1st April the following year and by that time reorganisation will have taken place. There is at present a statutory duty under the Public Health Officers Regulations of 1959 for the Medical Officer of Health to make an annual report but how this will be done in the future I do not yet know. The post of Medical Officer of Health was created over one hundred years ago and has continued as a part of Local Government ever since, in future all Medical Officers working in the Public Health, or as it will be called Community Medicine, field will be part of the National Health Service and from there will be available to advise Local Government.

In conclusion I would like to thank you and your Councillors for their support and my colleagues for their help and co-operation.

I have the honour to be, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

S.E. CUPPLES



WARMINSTER AND WESTBURY RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL

To May 1972

From May, 1972

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I am also Medical Officer of Health to Warminster Urban District Council (where my office is located), to Westbury Urban District Council and a Medical Officer to Wiltshire County Council.

The Chief Public Health Inspector and his Deputy are Surveyor and Deputy Surveyor, Mr.Pope also belongs to the Surveyors Department.





	<u>1972</u>	<u>1971</u>
Area of District in Acres	86,155	86,155
Population (Registrar General's estimate at mid year)	15,230	14,900
Number of Council Houses	740	716
Rateable Value	£ 471,825	£ 447,580

### Vital Statistics

The population figures and statistics include members of the armed forces stationed in the area.

The use of comparability factors, which make allowance for the way age and sex distribution differs from the rest of the country and take account of residential institutions, make possible comparison with rates in England and Wales or with the rates for previous years.

Figures for last year are given in brackets.

### Live Births

	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	<u>Total</u>	
Legitimate	111	104	215	(240)
Illegitimate	10	13	23	(16)
Total	<u>121</u>	<u>117</u>	<u>238</u>	(256)
Birth Rate per 1,000 population			15.6	(17.2)
Comparability factor is 1.04				
Local Adjusted Rate			16.2	(20.8)
England and Wales Rate			14.8	(16)
Illegitimate Rate as % of				
local rate			10	(6)
England and Wales			9	(8)

### Stillbirths

	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	<u>Total</u>	
	1	-	1	(2)

The stillbirth rate for England and Wales expressed as the number of stillbirths per 1,000 live and stillbirths was the same as last year at 12. If this district had given the same rate there would have been 3.

<u>Deaths</u>	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	<u>Total</u>
	101	79	180 (162)
Death Rate per 1,000 population			11.8 (10.9)
area comparability factor is 0.98			
Local Adjusted Rate			11.6 (9.9)
England and Wales Rate			12.1 (11.6)
<u>Deaths of Infants</u>	1	-	1 (3)

This death was a one day old infant and it was due to complications of childbirth.

#### Causes of Death

The causes of death, in sex and age groups are tabulated in the following tables. It will be noted that the commonest cause was ischaemic heart disease (coronary thrombosis), this accounted for 45 out of the 180 deaths and cerebro vascular disease accounted for another 25. Six males and 2 females died from cancer of the lung or bronchus.

Of the 180 deaths 44 of them were over the age of 65 and 87 over the age of 75.



Cause of Death	Sex	Total all ages	Under 4 wks	4 wks to 1yr	1-4	5-14	15-24	25-34	35-44	45-54	55-64	65-74	75 & over
Other Infective and Parasitic Diseases	M F	1 -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	1 -
Malignant Neoplasm Buccal Cavity, etc	M F	1 1	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	1 -	- -	- -	- 1
Malignant Neoplasm Oesophagus	M F	1 -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	1 1	- -	- -
Malignant Neoplasm Stomach	M F	1 6	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	1 -	1 -	- -	1 1	3 1	3 1
Malignant Neoplasm Intestine	M F	5 6	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	1 -	1 -	1 -	1 1	1 1	1 4
Malignant Neoplasm Lung Bronchus	M F	6 2	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	3 1	1 1	1 1
Malignant Neoplasm Breast	M F	2 -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	1 -	- -	- -	1 3
Malignant Neoplasm Prostate	M	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3
Leukaemia	M F	1 1	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	1 1
Other Malignant Neoplasms	M F	5 9	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	1 1	1 1	2 5	1 2
Diabetes Mellitus	M F	4 1	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	1 -	- -	2 -	1 -
Other Endocrine, etc., Diseases	M F	1 -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -

Cause of Death	Sex	Total all ages	Under 4 wks	4 wks to 1yr	1-4	5-14	15-24	25-34	35-44	45-54	55-64	65-74	75 & over
Other Diseases of Nervous System	M F	1 -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	1 ...
Chronic Rheumatic Heart Disease	M F	1 1	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	1 -	- -	- -	- -	- 1
Hypertensive Disease	M F	4 -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	1 -	2 -	1 1
Ischaemic Heart Disease	M F	29 16	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	2 2	8 1	11 2	8 11
Other forms of Heart Disease	M F	2 6	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	2 6
Cerebrovascular Disease	M F	11 14	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	3 1	8 13
Other Diseases of Circulatory System	M F	3 3	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	1 -	1 -	- -	2 2
Pneumonia	M F	4 3	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	2 1	2 2
Bronchitis and Emphysema	M F	7 -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	2 -	3 -	2 -
Other Diseases of Respiratory System	M F	1 1	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	1 1
Peptic Ulcer	M F	1 -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	1 -
Other Diseases of Digestive System	M F	2 -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	1 1	- -	1 -
Nephritis and Nephrosis	M F	1 -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	1 1	- -	- -
Diseases of Skin, etc	M F	1 -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	1 -	- -

Causes of Death	Sex	Total all ages	Under 4 wks	4 wks to 1yr	1-4	5-14	15-24	25-34	35-44	45-54	55-64	65-74	75 & over
Diseases of Musculo-Skeletal System	M	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-
	F	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	M	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	F	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	M	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	F	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	M	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	F	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	M	2	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	1	-	-
	F	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Congenital Anomalies	M	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	F	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	M	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	F	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	M	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	F	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	M	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	F	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	M	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	F	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Birth Injury, Difficult Labour	M	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	F	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	M	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	F	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	M	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	F	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	M	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	F	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	M	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	F	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Motor Vehicle Accidents	M	1	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
	F	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	M	2	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
	F	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	M	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
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ALL Other Accidents	M	2	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	1	-	-
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	F	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Suicide and Self-Inflicted Injuries	M	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	F	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
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	M	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	F	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
All other external causes	M	1	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	F	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	M	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	F	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	M	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	F	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	M	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	F	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	M	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	F	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total all causes	M	101	1	-	1	-	1	3	2	6	21	29	37
	F	75	-	-	-	2	1	-	-	5	6	15	50



## Infectious Disease

Infectious diseases notified during the year were:-

	<u>Jan-Mar</u>	<u>Apr-Jun</u>	<u>Jul-Sep</u>	<u>Oct-Dec</u>	<u>Total</u>	
Measles	6	4	1	12	23	(53)
Tuberculosis	1	-	-	-	1	(2)
Food Poisoning	5	-	-	1	6	
Scarlet Fever	2	1	-	-	3	
Meningitis	2	1	-	-	3	

The five cases of food poisoning in the first quarter were all members of one family. The cause was not proven but suspicion pointed to a deep frozen fowl which had not been properly defrosted.

## Immunisation

The following figures for immunisation have been made available by Dr.C.D.L.Lycett, Medical Officer of Health, Wiltshire County Council:-

Children born in years							
	1972	1971	1970	1969	1968	63-67	57-62
Primary immunisations completed during 1972							
Diphtheria	64	90	3	-	-	5	-
Whooping Cough	64	86	3	-	-	-	-
Tetanus	64	90	3	-	-	5	3
Measles	-	100	22	6	5	8	-
Poliomyelitis	65	91	3	2	-	-	-
Reinforcing immunisations given during 1972							
Diphtheria	-	56	78	8	52	118	-
Whooping Cough	-	45	68	6	1	2	-
Tetanus	-	56	78	9	53	120	4
Poliomyelitis	-	56	73	8	52	102	-

For children born in 1972 the diphtheria primary immunisation state was 80%. The immunisation state against whooping cough, tetanus and poliomyelitis can be assumed to be similar and compares with 60% in 1971.

## National Assistance Act 1948

No action was required during the year under Section 47 of the above Act in the case of persons in need of care and attention.

## Common Lodging Houses

There are no common lodging houses in the District.

## Atmospheric Pollution

A gauge is sited at a farm near Edington to collect fall out, chiefly from a cement works and this is analysed monthly. The figures for insoluble deposited matter expressed as milligrammes per square metre per day are:-

<u>Oct 71</u>	<u>Nov 71</u>	<u>Dec 71</u>	<u>Jan 72</u>	<u>Feb 72</u>	<u>Mar 72</u>
41	40	?	18	12	103
<u>Apr 72</u>	<u>May 72</u>	<u>Jun 72</u>	<u>Jul 72</u>	<u>Aug 72</u>	<u>Sep 72</u>
58	36	29	?	?	23
<u>Oct 72</u>	<u>Nov 72</u>	<u>Dec 72</u>	<u>Jan 73</u>	<u>Feb 73</u>	<u>Mar 73</u>
32	22	7	11	81	31

## HOUSING

On 1st January 1972 it was decided to keep a waiting list of persons wanting accommodation. This list was and still is based on a points/parish system and by September of that year there were 163 on the list of whom 48 were elderly requesting bungalows or flats and 14 were for group dwellings.

The 1971 census shows that 1,300 individuals or about 1 in 12 of the District were over the age of 70 (2,155 were over 65). Persons over pensionable age, i.e., 65 for males and 60 for females, living alone were 535 and of these 420 were female, 1,465 persons over pensionable age were living in two person households.

Other figures give the expectation of life at birth at around 69 for males and 75 for females.

I mention the above figures to show the growing numbers of elderly in the community. A group dwelling at Lye's Grove was opened during the year which will accommodate some of the elderly mentioned above, in such establishments the provision of services from Health, Social Services, etc., should not be overlooked.

## WATER SUPPLIES

The Rural District is in the Northern Division of the West Wilts Water Board and the annual report of that Board shows that over 90% of houses obtain their water from the Board's mains. Except for certain individual premises the greatest area where private suppliers exist is in the South East of the District. Bacteriological samples taken from these suppliers have as in previous years been satisfactory.

Copies of reports of bacteriological analysis taken by the Water Board are forwarded to this department.

Fluoride is not added and the quantity existing naturally is in the region of 0.1 parts per million.



The figures in the following table are as accurate as possible without making a house to house survey. The number of houses was calculated from the number enumerated in the 1971 census plus the office records of subsequent new dwellings. The population figures are those in the year book for 1972/73.

Village	Supply	No. of houses on inside mains		No. of houses on S/Pipes		Private Supplies	Houses on Private Supplies	Popula- tion on private supplies	Popula- tion TOTAL
		Houses	Pop.	Houses	Pop.				
Bishopstrow	WWD	56	157	-	-	1	1	3	160
Boyton and Corton	"	64	216	-	-	5	7	14	230
Bratton	"	278	754	1	1	8	11	25	780
Bulkington	"	45	143	-	-	2	3	7	150
Chapmanslade	"	170	475	-	-	1	2	5	480
Chitterne	"	91	246	-	-	7	10	24	270
Codford	"	251	658	-	-	14	17	42	700
Corsley	"	246	670	-	-	8	13	30	700
Dilton Marsh	"	457	1,281	6	4	2	2	5	1,290
East Coulston	"	41	94	-	-	3	18	36	130
Edington	"	256	702	-	-	5	7	18	720
Heytesbury & Tytherington	"	229	607	-	-	1	14	33	640
Heywood and Hawkeridge	"	275	812	-	-	1	3	8	820
Hinton	"	56	176	-	-	1	2	4	18
Horningsham	"	170	470	-	-	5	5	10	480
Keevil	"	123	340	-	-	-	-	-	340
Kingston, Monkton, Hill & Brixton Deverill	"	105	297	-	-	7	9	23	320
Knook	"	20	70	-	-	-	-	-	70
Longbridge Deverill & Crockerton	"	277	763	-	-	3	3	7	770



Village	Supply	No. of houses on inside mains		No. of houses on S/Pipes		Private Supplies	Houses on Private Supplies	Popula- tion on Private Supplies	Popula- tion TOTAL
		Houses	Pop.	Houses	Pop.				
North Bradley	WWB	510	1,278	1	2	-	-	-	1,280
North Bavant	"	35	110	-	-	-	-	-	110
Sherrington	"	25	75	-	-	2	2	5	80
Southwick	"	514	1,246	-	-	2	2	4	1,250
Steeple Ashton	"	731	1,628	-	-	6	6	12	1,640
Stockton		-	-	-	-	3	75	220	220
Sutton Veney	"	180	497	-	-	2	2	3	500
Upton Lovell	"	62	142	-	-	6	7	18	160
Upton Scudamore	"	76	230	-	-	-	-	-	230
West Ashton	"	126	326	-	-	2	9	24	350
TOTAL:		5,470	14,463	8	7	98	238	580	15,050

Mr. A. H. Eagle, Surveyor and Chief Public Health Inspector has the following to report:-

### HOUSING

The year saw the opening of Lye's Grove, The Hollow, Dilton Marsh being the first occasion the Council has provided a grouped dwelling for elderly tenants. Heretofore its policy has been to integrate pairs or blocks of 2 bedroom bungalows amongst houses occupied by younger tenants and their families. Twenty three one bedroom flats with bed sitting room, kitchen and bathroom (shared) together with three pairs of bungalows and one detached bungalow for retired people have been included on a landscaped site within easy reach of village shops, church and bus stop. A guest bedroom allows for visitors and an excellent Warden and an alarm bell system gives sheltered accommodation of a high standard.

### REFUSE COLLECTION

An incentive bonus scheme was introduced during the year. While recruitment was improved by its introduction the loss of four men on retirement and their non replacement was being felt by the end of the year. The scarcity of H.G.V., licenced drivers continued to make the management of a small manual staff, with the daily demands of refuse collection, increasingly difficult.

### REFUSE DISPOSAL

Failure to obtain planning consent for a length of disused railway cutting at Heywood was offset by obtaining planning permission for  $4\frac{1}{2}$  acres of former ironstone quarry adjoining the existing Penleigh Tip. No progress had been made by the end of the year however, in negotiations with the owner for leasing or purchasing this land. Without the land or an alternative tipping place the Council and Westbury Urban District Council, who depend on the Rural Council for tipping space, will be in a serious situation by the end of 1973. The search for other suitable land goes on however and one further alternative site was being investigated at the end of the year.

### SEWERAGE AND SEWAGE DISPOSAL

Public meetings held at Bratton, East Coulston and Edington in October, 1972 indicate the stage Whorwellsdown Stage 2 sewerage scheme had reached. In addition to the three parishes named Bulkington and the part of Great Hinton not served by Stage 1 will be sewered and a start on the contract early in 1973 is anticipated.

Stage 1 of the Whorwellsdown sewerage scheme to sewer Steeple Ashton, Keevil, and part of Great Hinton continued with good progress in Keevil and Steeple Ashton, and also the sewer through Keevil Airfield.

At Bishopstrow the sewerage contract with discharge to the Warminster sewerage system was started.

### FLOODING

A heavy rainfall on 6th December caused flooding of streets and some property especially in Keevil and Chantry Gardens Estate, Southwick. All the streams and river courses in the area appear readily subject to "flash" conditions of fast rising and run off from new developments adds to the problem.



## CIVIC AMENITIES ACT 1967

Six vehicles found abandoned were dealt with under this Act, two were removed by the owner after service of notice and the remaining four were removed by a contractor on behalf of the Council.

A number of requests were made from residents of the district to deposit bulky household items at the Council's refuse tip.

## OFFICES, SHOPS AND RAILWAY PREMISES ACT

Since the 1971 report two new registrations have been made under the Act. A total of 64 inspections were carried out under the Act during the year and once again the few infringements found were of a minor nature and were dealt with informally. Two non fatal accidents were reported and in neither case was the Act applicable and therefore no action was taken.

The total number of persons employed was 322.

The total number of registered premises may be classified as follows:-

Offices	19
Shops	17
Warehouses	3
Catering	
Establishments	5
Canteens	Nil

## FOOD AND DRUGS ACT 1955

### Milk Supplies - Brucellosis

There were five producer/retailers in the district and throughout the year 45 samples of raw milk were submitted for full biological analysis, and all proved to be satisfactory. Brucellosis was isolated from one herd in the area; though all the milk produced from this herd was sent for pasteurisation, every employee concerned with this dairy were advised on the implications of consuming infected raw milk.

### Milk Sampling

Total number of samples of heat treated milk taken	36
Samples of pasteurised milk passing the methylene blue test	33
Samples of pasteurised milk failing the methylene blue test	Nil
Samples of pasteurised milk passing the phosphatase test	33
Samples of pasteurised milk failing the phosphatase test	Nil
Samples of sterilized milk passing the turbidity test	3
Samples of sterilized milk failing the turbidity test	Nil
Total number of samples of untreated milk taken	45
Samples of untreated milk passing the methylene blue test	45
Samples of untreated milk failing the methylene blue test	Nil
Number of sets of bottle rinses taken	Nil

## FOOD HYGIENE (General) REGULATIONS 1960

Number of premises	92
Number of premises complying with Regulation 16	82
Number of premises to which Regulation 19 applies	86
Number of premises complying with Regulation 19	86

The types of food premises and the number of each type are as follows:-

General grocery and confectionery premises	44
Butchers premises	5
Catering premises	11
Bakeries	1
Public Houses	31

MEAT AND FOOD INSPECTION

Carcases and offal inspected and condemned in whole or part:

	Cattle excluding cows	Cows	Calves	Sheep and Lambs	Pigs	Goats	Horses
Number killed	25	Nil	1	96	52	-	-
Number Inspected	25	Nil	1	96	52	-	-
All diseases except tuberculosis and cysticerchi							
Whole carcasses condemned	-	-	Nil	-	-	-	-
Carcases of which some part of organ was condemned	6	-	-	13	8	-	-
Percentage of number inspected affected with diseases other than Tuberculosis and Cysticerchi	24%	-	-	13.5%	15.4%	-	-
<u>Tuberculosis Only</u>							
Whole carcasses condemned	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned	-	-	-	-	1	-	-
Percentage of the number inspected affected with Tuberculosis	-	-	-	-	1.9%	-	-
<u>Cysticercolosis</u>							
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Carcases submitted to treatment by refrigeration	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Generalised and totally condemned	-	-	-	-	-	-	-



## IMPORTED FOOD REGULATIONS 1968

During the year frequent inspections of imported food were carried out at two premises within the District and on some occasions samples were taken for bacterial analysis before the product was released. One large consignment of frozen prawns (2,655 lbs) from West Malaysia were found on analysis to have a high bacterial level and was thus condemned.

## POULTRY INSPECTIONS

There are no poultry processing premises within the district.

## PETROLEUM ACTS

Nine petroleum storage tanks were due for pressure testing during the year and all were tested. Two failed to withstand a pressure of 10 lbs., per square inch for 24 hours and were rendered safe by being filled with concrete.

## HOUSING

### (a) Council Housing Programme

45 Council houses were completed during the year.

### (b) Private Enterprise Housing

202 houses were completed during the year.

### (c) Improvement Grants

During the year 43 houses were improved with the aid of Discretionary Grants totalling £33,488, and 28 houses with the aid of Standard Grants totalling £8,390.

### (d) Housing Repairs and Rents Act

No applications for Certificates of Disrepair were received during 1972.

### (e) Housing Act 1969, Part III

3 qualification certificates were issued under Sections 45(2) and 46(3) during the year.

### (f) Housing Act 1957 and Public Health Acts 1936 and 1961

10 informal notices were served during the year and 10 were complied with.

## RURAL HOUSING STATISTICS FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31ST DECEMBER 1972

1. Number of permanent dwellings in district at end of the year	5,876
2. Number of permanent dwellings owned by local authority	751
3. Number of temporary dwellings in district owned by local authority	None

Inspections of dwellings during year

<u>A. Under Public Health Acts</u>	
(i) Number of dwellings inspected	165
(ii) Number of dwellings found to be unfit	Nil
(iii) Number of dwellings made fit after informal action	Nil
(iv) Number of dwellings where formal notices were served	Nil
(v) Number of dwellings made fit after formal notice	
(a) By Owners	Nil
(b) By local authority in default of owners	Nil
<u>B. Under Housing Acts</u>	
(i) Number of dwellings inspected	42
(ii) Number of dwellings found to be unfit	12
(iii) Number of dwellings where informal notices were served	
(iv) Number of dwellings made fit after informal action	11
<u>C. Proceedings under Section 9 and 10 of the Housing Act 1957</u>	
(i) Number of dwellings where formal notices were served	Nil
(ii) Number of dwellings made fit after service of formal notice	
(a) By Owners	Nil
(b) By local authority in default of owners	Nil
<u>D. Proceedings under Section 16 and 17 Housing Act, 1957</u>	
(i) Number of demolition orders made	Nil
(ii) Number of dwellings demolished as result of demolition orders	3
	from previous year
(iii) Number of undertakings accepted to make fit or not to relet	Nil
(iv) Number of dwellings made fit as result of undertakings	Nil
<u>E. Proceedings under Sections 16, 17, 18, 26 and 35 Housing Act 1957 and Section 26 Housing Act 1961</u>	
(i) Number of dwellings where closing orders were made	1
(ii) Number of dwellings closed as result of closing orders or undertakings by owners	1
<u>F. Proceedings under Section 17, 42, 43, 46 and 48 Housing Act 1957</u>	
(i) Number of dwellings in clearance areas upon which demolition orders were made	Nil
(ii) Number of dwellings demolished as result of demolition orders	Nil
(iii) Number of dwellings in clearance areas which have been retained as temporary accommodation	Nil
<u>G. Proceedings under Section 76 Housing Act 1957</u>	
(i) Number of cases of overcrowding at end of year	Nil
(ii) Number of cases of overcrowding discovered during year	Nil
(iii) Number of cases of overcrowding abated during year	Nil



## RODENT CONTROL

Number of complaints	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	114
Number of dwelling houses and business premises inspected	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1,244
Number of dwelling houses and business premises found infested	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	518
Number of agricultural properties inspected	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	109
Number of agricultural properties found infested	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	84
Number of dwelling houses and business premises treated by local authority	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	428
Number of agricultural properties treated by local authority	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	63
<u>TOTAL</u> treatments carried out including re-treatments	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	420

Both the sites used for "controlled tipping" were regularly inspected and treated by the Council's Rodent Operator for both the control of rodents and flies.

Five properties were treated for an infestation of flies; one for an infestation of fleas; and one for an infestation of beetles.

Eleven wasps nests were destroyed.

# INSPECTIONS OF THE DISTRICT

The following is a summary of inspections and visits made during 1972:-

P.H.Act Inspections	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	190
P.H.Act Revisits	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	52
Housing Act Inspections	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	76
Housing Act Revisits	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	7
Infestious Diseases	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	21
Tents, vans and sheds	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	9
Water Supplies	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3
Water Samples taken	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	12
Sewage Works, drainage and ditches	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	361
Sewerage schemes	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	485
Factories Act (with Power)	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	6
Workplaces	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	-
Building Regulations	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2,179
Work in Progress	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2
Drain Tests	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	53
Town and Country Planning Acts	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	233
Improvement Grants - Discretionary	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	319
Improvement Grants - Standard	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	72
Refuse Disposal	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	295
Offensive Trades	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	Nil
Animal Boarding Establishments	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	7
Pests and Vermin	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	22
Interviews	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	66
Miscellaneous	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	52
Food Inspections	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	37
Meat Inspections	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	41
Slaughterhouses	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	12
Butcher's Shops	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	38
Butcher's Vans	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	22
Grocers Shops	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	13
Grocers Vans	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2
General and Confectionery Premises	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	61
Greengrocers Premises	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
Greengrocers Vans	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	-
Catering Premises	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	35
Ice Cream Retailers	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	21
Licenced Premises	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	26
Milk and Dairies Visits	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	38
Milk and Bottle Samples/	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	81

# INSPECTIONS OF THE DISTRICT (continued)

Watercress Beds	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	-
Diseases of Animals Act		..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	4
Petroleum Acts	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	35
Council Housing Estates		..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	570
Small Dwellings' Acquisition Act	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	-
Footpaths, etc	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	12
Poultry Packing Station		..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	-
Agricultural Sanitary Accommodation Regulations	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	-
Atmospheric Pollution	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	11
Bakehouses	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2
Petroleum Tank Tests	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	9
Offices, Shops and Railway Premises Act	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	64
Offices, Shops and Railway Premises Act (Accidents)	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2
Public Utilities Street Works Act	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
National Assistance Act	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	-
Scrap Dealers	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Caravan Act	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	24
Noise Abatement	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2
Street Lighting	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	113
Laybys	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	10
Public Conveniences	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	-
Civic Amenities	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	30
Imported Food	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	22
Valuations	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	24
Local Government Reorganisation	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	51
Flooding (?)	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	9



1. INSPECTIONS FOR PURPOSES OF PROVISIONS AS TO HEALTH

(Including inspections made by Public Health Inspectors)

Premises (1)	Number on Register (2)	Number of		
		Inspections (3)	Written Notices (4)	Occupiers Prosecuted (5)
(i) Factories in which Sections 1, 2, 3, 4, and 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities	-	-	-	-
(ii) Factories not included (i) in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority	66	6	Nil	-
(iii) Other premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority (excluding out-workers' premises)	-	-	-	-
TOTAL	66	6	Nil	-

2. CASES IN WHICH DEFECTS WERE FOUND

Particulars (1)	Number of cases in which defects were found				Number of cases in which prosecutions were instituted (6)
	Found (2)	Remedied (3)	Referred To H.M. Inspector (4)	Referred To H.M. Inspector (5)	
Want of Cleanliness (S1)	-	-	-	-	-
Overcrowding (S2)	-	-	-	-	-
Unreasonable temperature (S3)	-	-	-	-	-
Inadequate ventilation (S4)	-	-	-	-	-
Ineffective drainage of floors (S6)	-	-	-	-	-
Sanitary conveniences (S7)					
(a) Insufficient	-	-	-	-	-
(b) Unsuitable or Defective	-	-	-	-	-
(c) Not separate for sexes	-	-	-	-	-
Other offences against the Act (not including offences relating to outwork)	-	-	-	-	-
TOTAL	-	-	-	-	-

FACTORIES ACT 1961 (Continued)

PART VIII OF THE ACT

OUTWORK

(Sections 133 and 134)

Nature of Work	Section 133			Section 134		
	No. of out- workers in August list required by Section 133	No. of cases of default in sending lists to the Council	No. of prosecutions for faulure to supply lists	No. of instances of work un-whole- some premises	Notices Served	Prose- cutions
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)
Wearing apparel (making etc., cleaning and washing	8	-	-	-	-	-
Umbrellas etc.	-	-	-	-	-	-
Textile Weaving	-	-	-	-	-	-
TOTAL	8	-	-	-	-	-







